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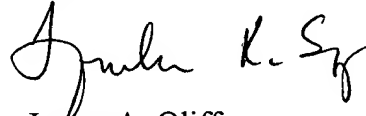
By this Amendment, claims 97-99 are added. Accordingly, claims 1-2, 6-8, 16-17, 51-56, 58-60, 79-85 and 96-99 are pending in this application. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Newly added claims 97, 98 and 99 are similar to claims 1, 7, and 16, respectively. However, they do not use means-plus-function language, and therefore are not intended to invoke 35 U.S.C. §112, sixth paragraph. Applicant respectfully submits that claims 97, 98 and 99 are patentable for the reasons set forth in the Amendment filed August 13, 2004 with respect to claims 1, 7 and 16.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of claims 1-2, 6-8, 16-17, 51-56, 58-60, 79-85 and 96-99 are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned representative at the telephone number set forth below.

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